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## Letter dated 4 January 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS), established by Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005 and extended by resolution 1627 (2005) of 23 September 2005.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Lieutenant General Jasbir Singh Lidder (India) as Force Commander of UNMIS as from 10 January 2006. He replaces Major General Fazle Elahi Akbar (Bangladesh), who served as Military Adviser in the United Nations Advance Mission in the Sudan (UNAMIS) and, subsequently, Force Commander of UNMIS since 4 September 2004. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Akbar for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNAMIS and UNMIS.

I would be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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